



Senior Paper Pathfinder

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Resources available through SHS Library
<http://www.spackenkillschools.org/shs/library/assignments>



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I. Print Materials

The New York Times and the *Poughkeepsie Journal* are available to read in the library.



Click on the “[Library Catalog](#)” icon on [SHS Library Webpage](#)
Click on **SEARCH** tab.

Try different searches, broadening or narrowing your search:

- A. General Nonfiction Books** - Books located in our general collection are available for a three-week checkout period.
- B. Reference Books** - Reference Books are typically available for Library Use Only.
- C. Ebooks** - Ebooks can be read 24/7 in their entirety on a computer. Passwords may be required.

II. Databases



Gale Power Search

- Search up to 46 Gale databases at once! Locate articles from newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals, and reference books.



ProQuest Direct

- [Access](#) full-text articles from newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals, and reference books.



Opposing Viewpoints in Context

- Allows you to search pro/con articles on controversial topics in newspapers, magazines, journals, reference books, primary sources and Opposing Viewpoints books. Many Opposing Viewpoints titles are also available in our library for checkout.
- Be sure to check use the links on the left to narrow your search by source type: Viewpoints, Images, Reference, News, Statistics, Magazines, Academic Journals, Primary Sources, Websites, etc.



Student Resources in Context

- Allows you to search for reference books, magazines, newspapers, primary documents, and multimedia files on your topic.
- Click on “Advanced Search,” then type your search words in the search boxes.
- Be sure to check use the links on the left to narrow your search by source type: Reference, Magazines, Newspapers, Academic Journals, Primary Sources, etc.



Issues & Controversies

- Allows you to search pro/con articles on controversial topics.
- Be sure to check out all tabs: Featured Articles, Editorial Cartoons, By the Numbers, Reference Shelf.



Congressional Digest's Pro and Con Online

- Gives you access to the archives of *Congressional Digest*, *Supreme Court Debates* & *International Debates*.
- Read journal articles written for Congressional Digest, excerpts from Congressional hearings, press statements, and more.



JSTOR

- Search through articles in hundreds of scholarly journals.

III. Recommended Search Engines

Select one of the evaluated Search Engine sites and search for your topic. Links you find will be reputable sources for your research.

Be sure to try: [SweetSearch](#), [infotopia](#), [ipl2](#), [dmoz](#), [Virtual LRC.com](#). No passwords needed!

Additionally, search for your topic in:

[Google Scholar](#) - If the complete journal article is not available search for it in our databases.

[Google Books](#) - If the complete book is not available check the SHS library catalog or the public library catalog.

Remember to evaluate the sources that you find!

Once you have found an article you must evaluate it. Consider the following during your evaluation:

- **Author** - Is the author respected in his/her field? Is he/she an authority on the topic, having great skill or knowledge on the particular subject? Where is he/she employed? What is his/her educational background and qualifications?
- **Date of publication / currency** - Is the information current or out of date? Certain topics of research, such as science, require the most current information. Are the hyperlinks working properly? If not, this indicates the site was not updated recently.
- **Publication** - Is the publication (magazine, journal, newspaper, book) reputable?
- **Publisher** - Who published the work? Are they reputable?
- **What type of publication is it?** (e.g., journals are more scholarly than magazines)
- **Audience** - Who is the intended audience? Is it for a general audience or a specific one? Is the focus appropriate for your research paper?
- **Accuracy** - Can the information be verified in other respected sources? Is there correctness in every detail, precision, and exactness?
- **Bias** - If the author expresses an opinion does it affect the accuracy of the information?